

The Ventura County Fire Protection District is proposing a modification to the SFM proposed amendment to 2013 CBC, Chapter 31, Sec 3111 (page 46 of 244):

Further amend Sec 3111.4.3.1 to read:

3111.4.3.1 Access. There shall be a minimum 6-foot wide (1829 mm) clear perimeter around the edges of the roof, as measured from the exterior bearing walls of the building to the nearest photovoltaic panel.

Exception: If either axis of the building is 250 feet (76200 mm) or less, there shall be a minimum 4-foot wide (1290 mm) clear perimeter around the edges of the roof, as measured from the exterior bearing walls of the building to the nearest photovoltaic panel.

The additional modification addresses concerns raised by our truck company officers regarding cantilevered roofs that may not have proper support during a fire. This also allows a minimum setback from the exterior wall so the pathway will be located over the interior of the building to allow for proper ventilation of the roof if needed during a fire and not over exposed exterior area underneath the roof.

The VCFPD has already adopted this change during the prior code cycle and it was also ratified by the local Cities we serve.

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